



## SHADE 2011/2012

### Executive Committee

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*Sheryl Woods*

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### Arts Departments

Dance

Instrumental Music

Literary Media

Museum Studies

Technical Design &

Production

Theater

Visual Arts

Vocal

### Academic

#### Departments

English

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

Special Education

World Languages

#### *Our Mission:*

*SHADE works as a unified body for the benefit, promotion and support of common interests for the students at Ellington for the preservation and support of the School by serving as a liaison and representative of the School to the community – at – large.*



SHADE is the School Home Association at Duke Ellington – Your PTA!

## Ellington's SHADE (PTA) Welcomes You!

High School is definitely ALL about the students; they start as kids and emerge as young Adults. Studies show that schools with involved parents thrive; schools without don't. As a dual curriculum school, Duke Ellington School of the Arts absolutely needs parental/familial involvement and support to ensure our talented students achieve their maximum potential as student-artist. **SHADE strives to be the conduit that best connects student families to each other - other arts departments - academic teachers - arts teachers - administrators and staff to support an environment with the most opportunities for our children to become the finest young adults they can be with the brightest futures possible for each of them.**

SHADE membership and participation offers:

- Programs on school resources and how to use them
- Parent education on artistic teenage behavior
- Spirit Wear clothing to advance DESA identity and pride
- Student opportunities i.e. internships
- Guidance on academic support and enrichment
- DESA carpool coordination
- Sponsorship of events to enhance community spirit

**Sign up to participate in our online community** and receive Email Newsletters by going to the SHADE website at <http://desa-shade.groupsites.com> and clicking the Join button. You can also send an email to [shade4desa@gmail.com](mailto:shade4desa@gmail.com) and request a link to join our online community.

**Be included in our printed directory of Ellington families** – complete the attached form or download a copy from <http://desa-shade.groupsites.com> and return via email to [shade4desa@gmail.com](mailto:shade4desa@gmail.com).

**Join SHADE** (\$5 students/\$10 DESA faculty/\$15 parents/\$25 household – includes student & parents) to support our causes and receive your own copy of the DESA directory. Complete the attached Membership form and email completed form to [shade4desa@gmail.com](mailto:shade4desa@gmail.com) or leave in SHADE box in the school office along with your membership dues. Dues can be paid on the SHADE website via paypal. Questions can be emailed to [shade4desa@gmail.com](mailto:shade4desa@gmail.com).

**Show your DESA spirit** – check the school e-newsletter for Spirit Wear sales events!

**Help us raise funds without any cost to you.** Affiliate programs (boxtops/Giant/Target/Safeway) information will be included in our upcoming e-newsletter. Also check our SHADE website for additional information.

**Volunteer Opportunities** – SHADE relies primarily on parental volunteer support. Several of the SHADE officer positions are open (two Co-Vice Presidents; Treasurer; Secretary; and Parliamentarian). Nominations forms can be submitted via email to [shade4desa@gmail.com](mailto:shade4desa@gmail.com) and elections will be held during back to school night on September 15. To volunteer in any capacity please email your contact info and areas of interest to the SHADE email given above.

**Attend our meetings and presentations.** SHADE will have a brief presentation & election during DESA's back to school night September 15 and offer and training session on Engrade our school/home class grade system. Specific dates and locations of meetings throughout the year are announced on the SHADE website; school emails; and our e-newsletter so please stay tuned!

**We look forward to meeting you soon!**